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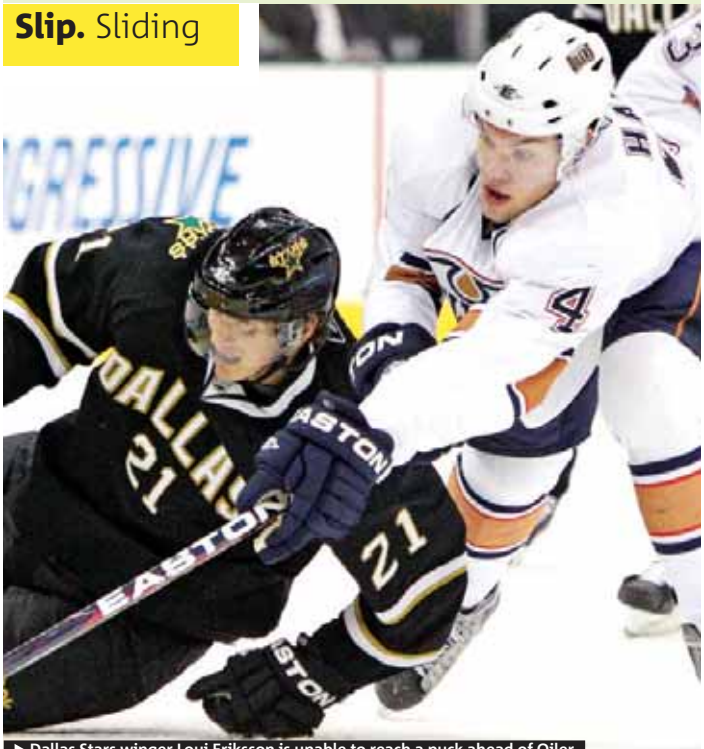

▶ Dallas Stars winger Loui Eriksson is unable to reach a puck ahead of Oiler Taylor Hall in the third period last night in Dallas. Story, page 25.

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Oilers see Stars win again, 3-1

Baby, it's cold outside

So icy cold, Freezing Man takes its show inside {page 14}

Reverb in a grain bin

Local band records debut CD in unusual studio {page 14}

Rain on snow not good to go

- Graders and sanders tackle troubled roads
- City offers free sand for icy sidewalks

First came the snow. Then more snow. Warm temperatures brought slush and mush. And now it's the freezing rain.

"Rain in Edmonton in January means ice, and that's never good," grumbled one morning commuter.

Rain and temperatures near the freezing mark greeted weary city residents yesterday morning, forcing traffic delays, spin-outs and nearly 140 property-damage collisions on ice-covered roadways. Pedestrians fared no better, slipping across sidewalks that resembled skating rinks.

The city reminds residents that they must keep their walks safe during freeze-thaw cycles, either by chipping away the ice and snow, or spreading sand or gravel for traction.

For its part, the city is sending some 60 sanding trucks to priority areas: arterial roads, bus routes, key intersections, bridge decks and overpasses, and hills. Graders and bobcats will continue to plow snow in residential areas, down to bare pavement within two weeks, as scheduled.

"The pace we are setting in neighbourhoods will not be impacted by this wet weather," says Bob Dunford, director of roadway maintenance with the city.

And take heart, Edmonton. Despite what it looks like, statistics show our winter weather is warmer today than 20 years ago. Remember that as you slip-slide down the road or sidewalk this morning.

● LUCY HAINES

MORE WEATHER WOES AS ROOF COLLAPSES, PAGE 4

LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

▶ City motorists were left spinning after rain at near-freezing temperatures coated roads with a slick layer.

Cleaning up the mess

- Free sand for icy sidewalks is available at Community Leagues all over town.
- About 15 per cent of neighbourhoods are already cleared by the nearly 130 graders running 24-7.

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Shots send man to hospital

Multiple gunshots rang out in a west-end neighbourhood late Tuesday evening, leaving a 26-year-old man in hospital in stable condition.

Edmonton police responded to a shooting outside a home at 134 Street and 160 Avenue. The victim, reportedly shot in the leg and chest, is known to police, but isn't co-operating with them.

Police said they are looking for a dark SUV in connection with the case.

Lisa Sobchyshyn of EPS says the incident doesn't appear to be a random act, but with no suspect and no witnesses, police continue to investigate.

The public is asked to call complaint line 780-423-4567 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. METRO

3 charged in bank robberies

RCMP in Edmonton are laying charges in connection with seven armed robberies that have taken place in rural Alberta over the last few months.

Franklin William Gladue, age 34, is charged with possession of stolen property and assault with a weapon, among other charges.

A female arrested in connection with the case has been released, but two youths remain in custody with Gladue and face weapons and assault charges. All are awaiting court appearances.

The accused were arrested in the city's Beverly area, following armed robberies at various financial institutions in Lac La Biche, Wildwood, Bonneyville, Millet, Onoway, Wetaskiwin and Gibbons. METRO

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▶ Alberta finance minister Ted Morton speaks to reporters following a caucus meeting in Calgary yesterday.

No rift in PC caucus: Morton

Finance minister also rejected media reports that he had threatened to resign over budget debate ▶ Stelmach did not comment publicly yesterday

Premier Ed Stelmach got a rousing reception from his caucus yesterday, a day after he announced he will quit, reportedly over an acrimonious budget debate.

"When the premier came in there was a standing ovation for him. He gave a speech to caucus, and then he left, and there was a standing ovation when he went back out," said Doug Griffiths, the parliamentary assistant for finance.

But Finance Minister Ted Morton downplayed reports of deep divisions within the Tory caucus over the upcoming budget.

"The fracture in the Tory party is a figment of the media's desire for a good story," Morton said as he dashed away from McDougall Centre.

"We had lots of discussion and very rarely any disagreement in caucus on anything. At the end of the day we all stick together."

Morton said reports of heated discussion on the issue are wrong since the budget was approved by cabinet's agenda and priorities committee on Monday.

"It's going ahead. We all support it. It's a caucus decision."

Dave Hancock, government house leader, also denied reports of a split. He said budget discussions, like all issues, get a "robust" hearing from all sides in caucus. Morton, who lost to Stelmach in the 2006 leadership race, said it's too soon to say if he will join the race for the leadership.

"I have not made that decision either and it's still, as I said yesterday, inappropriate to ask those questions and inappropriate for me to answer them," Morton said.

No date has been set to bring in the budget, but politicians are to return for the spring sitting of the legislature on Feb. 22. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Consensus deficit?

Premier Ed Stelmach stunned party members by announcing he will resign after the spring session.

- Stelmach said Tuesday that the new budget will follow the same pattern as the last two, which have run deficits due to struggling oil and gas revenues.
- He suggested it would be wise to keep program and infrastructure spending going and to use surpluses banked in better times to pay off the deficit.
- PC backbencher George Rogers confirmed that this has led to debate.

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News in brief

Cops hunt for suspect

ROBBERY. Police are asking for assistance identifying the male suspect of a robbery, pictured, that occurred Jan. 20 shortly after 8:30 p.m. Two store clerks were pepper sprayed before the suspect removed jewelry from the store and fled the scene. The suspect is about five-foot-11, of medium build, in his 30s and has a fair complexion. Anyone with information can call police or Crime Stoppers. METRO

Morticians deny charges

LETHBRIDGE. The owners of a funeral home say they are flabbergasted by accusations that they overbilled families for cheap burial materials and cut off a deceased's finger in order to remove a ring.

Ralph and Faith Zentner of Cornerstone Funeral Home in Lethbridge are charged with fraud and offering an indignity to human remains. They are to appear in a Lethbridge court in March.

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Woman killed in crash

HIGHWAY 2. Icy roads may be responsible for a woman's death following a head-on crash on Highway 2 yesterday.

Police say a semi-trailer was travelling north on Highway 2 near the Legal turnoff when a southbound car lost control and crossed into the semi's path. The driver of the car, in her 60s, was dead at the scene. No names have been released.

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Snow the cause of another roof collapse

Second collapse in two days, both blamed on heavy snow ▶ Flat-roofed buildings may be at risk

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The second roof collapse in as many days left an area retailer with a mess to clean up.

No one was injured in the early morning roof collapse at the Leduc Brick location, and there is no word yet on the exact amount of damage done, but Leduc fire Chief Ernie Polsom said he believes it will be "extensive."

The rooftop unit had fallen into the store, said Polsom, along with "all sorts of flooding" from water and snow on the roof and a damaged sprinkler system.

Many of the recent roof collapses in the Edmonton area have happened to buildings with flat roofs.

Polsom reminds the public that roofs should be monitored. It's believed that extreme weight on the roof from snow, rain and ice contributed to the collapse.

"Everybody needs to be paying attention to their roof. Particularly commercial and larger buildings with flat roofs and rooftop heating vents or air conditioning units on them."

David Jamieson, of General Roofing Systems Canada, says that clearing snow and maintaining rooftop drains is the best way to prevent damage.

"You got to get the snow off the roof," said Jamieson.

▶ The Leduc Brick store was the latest building to fall victim to a roof collapse under the heavy weight of snow.

Clear snow

- Residential buildings, especially those with sloped roofs, are not at high risk of collapsing.
- Excessive weight on rooftops is said to be the cause of many recent cave-ins in the Edmonton area.
- Yesterday's freezing rain only added more weight to already burdened roofs.
- Leduc Fire Services is urging all owners of flat-roofed buildings to clear snow from roofs and inspect for signs of duress.

Dog found frozen in ice

The British Columbia SPCA has launched a cruelty investigation after a Dawson Creek resident found the body of a dead dog encased in a block of ice left on his front lawn.

"It's a bizarre and very upsetting case," said Marcie Moriarty, a spokeswoman for the SPCA's cruelty investigations. "Inside the block of ice, which looks to have been made from a larger rubber bin, was the frozen corpse of a medium-size black dog."

The homeowner made the discovery Jan. 15, but Moriarty said the resident doesn't know the dog or any reason why the ice block would be left on his property.

The SPCA in the area is asking anyone with any information about the identity of the dog's owners to come forward.

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Police crack down on protests

- Tunisia's uprising sparks demonstrations in Egypt
- Activists call for president's ouster and a solution to rising prices and high unemployment

Egyptian anti-government activists pelted police with firebombs and rocks in a second day of clashes yesterday. Police forces moved in and used tear gas, beatings and live ammunition fired in the air to disperse any demonstrations

There were signs the crackdown on protesters was taking a toll on Egypt's international standing. White House spokesman Robert Gibbs would not say whether President Hosni Mubarak, the target of demonstrators' anger and a close U.S. ally, still has the Obama administration's support.

A policeman and a demonstrator were killed yesterday when a car ran them over during a Cairo protest, security officials said. The exact circumstances of their deaths were not clear. Officials said earlier the two died when they were hit by rocks but later changed the account. Earlier, three demonstrators died in clashes in Suez and one policeman died in Cairo violence. Security officials said 860 protesters have been rounded up since Tuesday, when tens of thousands turned out for the largest protests in Egypt in years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Master's. The Beatles

▶ Former Miss Canada finalist Mary-Lu Zahalan-Kennedy poses next to the Penny Lane street sign in Liverpool, England, yesterday.

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And I saw her standing there

Mary-Lu Zahalan-Kennedy is all smiles after becoming the first person in the world to graduate with a master's degree in the Beatles. She was one of the first students to sign up for the course when it launched at the Liverpool Hope University in 2009.

Coca lovers give U.S. something to chew on

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Thousands have taken to the streets in Bolivia to chew coca leaf in support of the country's bid to remove an international prohibition on the age-old practice.

The chief target of yesterday's peaceful protest was the U.S. Embassy.

Coca is a mild stimulant of high religious and social value in the Andes. It fights hunger and alleviates altitude sickness. But it is also the raw material of cocaine. Washington has objected to Bolivia's proposal to remove a prohibition on coca chewing from the international Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officials probe breast implant, cancer link

U.S. government health officials are investigating a possible link between breast implants and a very rare form of cancer after reviewing a handful of cases reported over the past 13 years.

The cancer, known as anaplastic large cell lymphoma, attacks the lymph nodes and skin.

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Man on the run gave himself a brutal nose job

Do-it-yourself surgery with scissors and a box cutter helped accused murderer escape detection

While on the lam for two and half years, a Japanese man wanted for the murder of a British woman took brutal measures to obscure his identity.

He scissored off his lower lip, dug two moles out of his cheek with a box cutter and gave himself a nose job.

The disclosures come in a book released yesterday and written from jail by Tatsuya Ichihashi, who will stand trial later this year.

Ichihashi travelled up and down Japan, in fear of arrest and obsessed with cosmetic surgery. He bound up his nose with a thread and needle — like a cook trussing a piece of meat — to make it narrower.

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▶ Tatsuya Ichihashi: Before, left, and after.

He twice tried to cut off part of his lower lip to make it thinner. The first time, he couldn't follow through because of the excruciating pain, he wrote. He finished it up a few days later in a public bathroom.

His English teacher, Lindsay Hawker 22, was found dead in a sand-filled bathtub on the balcony of Ichihashi's apartment in March, 2007.

A visit to a cosmetic surgeon would later lead to his arrest, as staff noticed the remnants of moles and sent photos of Ichihashi to police. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Parliament. Show

▶ Italian minister and former showgirl Mara Carfagna, reflected in a mirror recently, signed a protocol yesterday to set up a panel that could ban ads "plainly wrong and offensive" to women's dignity.

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What's too sexy for Berlusconi?

The government of Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, who is involved in a sex scandal many say fosters a demeaning image of women, is taking action against advertisements that use vulgar images of the female body.

20 Co-author Garth Illingworth says there's a 20 per cent chance the smudge is contamination but 'we're pretty sure it's a real object.'

The lonely galaxy

A team of astronomers say they have glimpsed the earliest galaxy yet, a smudge of light from nearly 13.2 billion years ago — a time when the cosmos was a far lonelier place.

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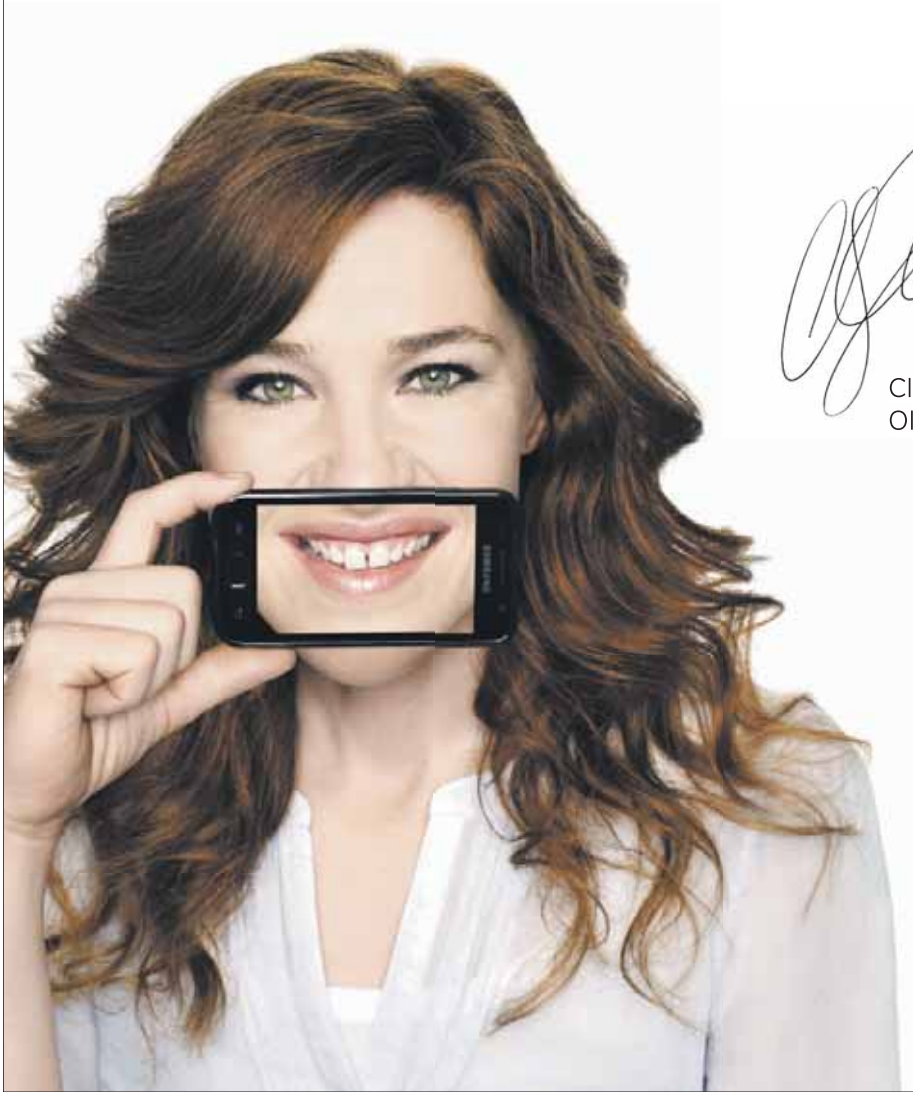

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Facebook cellphone nears launch: Report

Social media giant Facebook is close to a deal with Taiwanese electronics manufacturer HTC Ltd. to manufacture two Facebook-branded cellphone models in the near future, newspaper reports say.

Citing unnamed sources, London-based financial newspaper City A.M. reported yesterday that two Facebook phones will be unveiled at the influential Mobile World Congress in Barcelona next month.

The phones will have Facebook's white-on-blue colours and lowercase branding, the report said.

They will also run on a modified Android platform.

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What will drug smugglers do next?

Drug smugglers trying to get marijuana across the Arizona-Mexico border apparently are trying a new approach — a catapult.

National Guard troops operating a remote video surveillance system at the Naco Border Patrol Station say they observed several people preparing a catapult and launching packages over the International Border fence last Friday evening.

Tucson TV station KVOA says Border Patrol agents working with the National Guard contacted Mexican authorities, who went to the location and disrupted the catapult operation.

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Having a baby can risk your mental health: Study

Trigger may be changes in hormone levels, lack of sleep, other demands of motherhood, say experts

Having an abortion does not increase the risk of mental health problems, but having a baby does, one of the largest studies to compare the aftermath of both decisions suggests.

The research by Danish scientists further debunks the notion that terminating a pregnancy can trigger mental illness and shows postpartum depression to be much more of a factor.

The Danish study included 365,550 teenagers and women who had an abortion or first-time delivery between 1995 and 2007.

Researchers tracked mental health counselling at a hospital or outpatient facility before and after an abortion or delivery.

Researchers compared the rate of mental health treatment among women before and after a first abortion.

Within the first year after an abortion, 15 per 1,000 women needed psychiatric counselling — similar to the rate seeking help nine months before an abortion.

"A woman should know that her risk of having a psychiatric episode is not increased" after an abortion, said Trine Munk-Olsen of Aarhus University, who led the study.

While first-time mothers had a lower rate of mental problems overall, the proportion of those seeking help after giving birth was dramatically higher.

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Women's health

Researchers say women who seek abortions come from a demographic group more likely to have emotional problems to begin with.

- **Statistics** show that a large percentage struggle economically and they have above-average rates of unintended pregnancies.
- **The most common problems** among women in both the abortion and the delivery groups were debilitating anxiety, severe stress and depression.

Russia. Reacts

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev speaks at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, yesterday.

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Russia makes a sales pitch

Russia will not be brought to its knees by a deadly airport explosion, President Dmitry Medvedev told the world's leading business gathering, insisting the bombing shouldn't make foreign investors cower in fear either. Medvedev listed reasons why foreign companies should inject badly needed funds into a country plagued by corruption and too dependent on oil.

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A new breed of prospectors is gearing up for a modern Canadian gold rush — far from the pickaxe-toting old-timers of the Klondike, these are a savvy, business-suited bunch looking to cash in on rich veins of Prada purses and cheap blue jeans.

They are major U.S. retailers, department stores and mall moguls, and they have begun a cross-border campaign in anticipation of consumers here opening their wallets by 2012, creating huge demand for new shops and outlets.

"If you look at 2008 and 2009 they were very difficult years for retailers. 2010 I would say was a recovery year for retailers. So in 2011 and 2012, we expect the market to grow but it will be more competitive because there are more players entering the market," says Daniel Baer, a retail industry consultant with Ernst and Young.

"It takes time to build stores and to plan and to get your real estate and the like. They are planning ahead for better times."

Wal-Mart, the world's biggest retailer, is the latest this month to announce major Canadian expansion plans ahead of what some malls and experts predict will be a consumer spending boom in 2012. The U.S. company announced yesterday it plans to spend $500 million US to open 40 more Canadian stores that combine general merchandise and groceries.

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Heading north

Expanding Daniel Baer cited the recent entry of lingerie store Victoria's Secret and skincare retailer Bath and Body Works into Canada as examples of how American companies are succeeding north of the border.

Market moment

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Mortgage debt growth slowing: CIBC

There's a report from CIBC that suggests Canadians may be starting to get the message about the perils of mounting debt. A new analysis by the CIBC says mortgage debt appears to have been growing more slowly in recent months. The bank also estimates outstanding mortgage debt will rise by about five per cent this year, down from an estimated 7.7 per cent increase in 2010.

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U.S. Technology

▶ U.S. President Barack Obama tours Orion Energy Systems, a power technology company that designs, manufactures and deploys energy-efficient and renewable energy technology, in Manitowoc, Wis., yesterday.

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Calling for a Sputnik

In challenging Americans to compete for the future, President Barack Obama is calling for a new Sputnik moment, like the one in the 1950s when the Soviet Union beat the U.S. by sending a satellite into space — spurring the U.S. to pour money into science and technology and eventually making it to the moon.

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WHEN YOU REALIZE YOU'RE IRRELEVANT

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE

Most of the time I focus on the good things about aging.

It leads co-workers to erroneously assume that I know what I'm doing, for example. And the wisdom of my years has recently allowed me to make the important changeover from wanting to get fit, to convincing myself I look fine.

I've never seen milestones as millstones.

But then, as I was watching a television commercial this week, something disconcerting hit me: This is my last year in power.

Why? Because these are my last days as a coveted demographic. In the very near future, I will no longer be 18 to 35.

This is upsetting. For the last 16 years, advertisers have seen me as no less than a god. People with money wanted me, needed me, worshipped me.

I was male, single, and powerful, with companies writing their whole playbook based on my loves and lusts.

But now, suddenly, I am irrelevant. And it hurts. Now I understand how housewives abruptly dropped for younger women must feel.

I'm aware that ad men only wanted me because I was easy to manipulate, quick to depart with my money, and socially irresponsible, but at least they wanted me.

Advertising gets older; its loves stay the same age.

I can prove I'll be neglected, too. Look at any ad aimed at the younger set: They're awesome. Whether it's the Canadian Armed Forces or underarm body spray, commercials meant for young males have Hollywood production values. That the Old Spice guy hasn't won some sort of major acting award yet is one of the great injustices of our time.

> **"I'm about to become the forgotten middle child, demographically."**

Now look at the ads aimed at people who aren't young males: They suck.

Car dealership owners, gold dealers, and personal injury lawyers screaming at us, creepy dads who dye their hair to get over the death of their wife, and seniors that make you wish somebody would skip the high-impact yoga and go get acting lessons.

Oh sure, there are some slick ads for baby boomers, but I'm not in that group either. I'm about to become the forgotten middle child, demographically.

This is where the decline starts.

Soon I'll spend my days complaining that today's TV, music, and products aren't as good as when I was young. But nobody will listen.

It's going to be lonely. If only some shiny doodad or new trend could help ease the pain. Please take me back, advertisers: I swear, I can stay the same.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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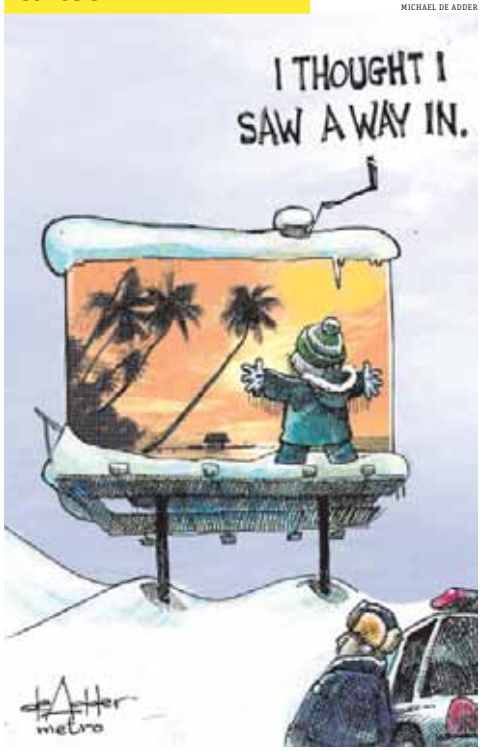

Clocks on a cellular level

Worth mentioning

Does time stand still?

What makes people tick? Anybody who has suffered jet lag knows all about the body's internal clock, which is driven by a cluster of brain cells.

But even the cells throughout our body have their own 24-hour clocks to co-ordinate activities at the cellular level. Now, new research suggests that these internal timepieces may be more complicated than scientists thought.

For years, scientists have said this clock is basically the activity of certain genes. But in a new study, scientists looked at human cells that don't even have genes. And in these red blood cells, they found an enzyme flip-flopping between two forms on a regular 24-hour cycle.

Is that a clock? Or is it just responding to some clock? Nobody knows yet, says Akhilesh Reddy of Cambridge University. But it seems to be connected in some way to the genetic mechanism found in other cells, he said. Reddy co-authored two studies on the subject in today's issue of the journal Nature.

Joseph Bass of Northwestern University, who co-wrote a Nature commentary on the work, said the new findings don't overturn the standard notion of a gene-based clock. Still, he said, "Our understanding of the clock is expanding with this work and other work." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Feel the need for some belly laughs?

Nothing gets the job done like a good batch of improvisational comedy. Head to the Avenue Theatre at 9030–118 Ave. today from 7-9 p.m. for Rapid Fire Theatre's Improv On The Ave, a show that is performed on the last Thursday of every month.

All ages are welcome and tickets are $5 each.

Tonight's show features comedians from the University Improv Group, Red Deer's Bullskit, Rapid Fire Theatre, and more.

Rapid Fire Theatre has been running for nearly 30 years and is Edmonton's longest running improv theatre.

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▶ The Avenue Theatre hosts Rapid Fire Theatre's Improv On The Ave tonight.

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Regrets

British actor Paul Bettany regrets not taking Colin Firth's Oscar-nominated role in The King's Speech. Screenwriter David Seidler has said he wrote the screenplay — also nominated — with Bettany in mind for the role of King George VI, with Oscar-nominated Geoffrey Rush as his speech therapist.
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After a career of mostly serious roles, Natascha McElhone goes for laughs on 'Californication'

Lightening will hit Edmonton

- White Lightening brings the noise with their first full-length album
- Check out their crazy live show Feb. 5 at their official CD release party

HANDOUT

▶ The members of indie rock band White Lightening.

BACKSTAGE PASS

JENNIFER LARAWAY
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How many musicians do you know who've recorded tracks inside a 30,000 bushel grain bin? You could argue White Lightening is literally home grown.

They recorded three of the songs on their upcoming debut full-length album inside of the grain bin to "capture the incredible natural reverb and ambience that fits perfectly with the mood of the songs," says resident band member Steve Bosch.

See it All is White Lightening's first full-length album, most of which was exclusively crafted by the band.

The best way to experience their unique sound is through their crazy live show that integrates the use of beat boxes, megaphones, trash cans and even kazoos.

Because, you know… you got to have a kazoo.

It should come as no surprise that they've owned a few battle of the bands competitions in their day, and come Feb. 5, you can check them out for just $10.

The all-ages show held at Avenue Theatre (9030 118 Avenue) is the official CD release party.

Doors will open to the public at 7 p.m.

Details are on white-lighteningmusic.com.

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Freezing Man, taking place for one day only at the Expo Centre, has moved its entire set-up indoors.

Running on Jan. 29 only, you can snag your tickets from Ticketmaster.
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Feeling heat from those WEM beats

Canada's largest indoor beach party is taking place at the WEM Waterpark. Some of the city's hottest DJ's will be spinning tracks while some of Edmonton's finest 18-plus crowd struts their stuff through the waterpark.

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Anything but bored

With HBO's Bored to Death, veteran actor Ted Danson rediscovers his enthusiasm for TV

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Ted Danson

Veteran TV actor Ted Danson has been enjoying something of a career renaissance with his work on Damages and now on HBO's Bored to Death, something Danson chalks up to a rekindled interest in television and acting in general. He sat down with Metro to talk about returning to TV.

Are you enjoying being back on television?
Yes, starting with Damages. Damages really kind of turned a corner for me. I got excited about acting again, and I was doing something a little different. I think I had stayed at the half-hour situation comedy party too long — for me, because I was boring myself. I felt like, Ugh, I've done that. And to do something very different and very creative like Damages gave me a new lease on life. And Bored to Death followed along that line.

You're something of a scene-stealer in Bored to Death.
Well, if you're 63 — I'm 63 now — and you get to smoke dope and chase after women at an inappropriate age, it's hard not to steal a scene.

It must be hard to get through a scene with co-stars Zach Galifianakis and Jason Schwartzman without laughing.
Especially Zach. I mean, Jason is incredibly talented, but Zach has one of those faces that as soon as he says anything you have to check whether or not you should be laughing or taking it seriously. You never quite know with him. Everybody says they love going to work, everybody says the cast loves each other.

We really do.

You have a pretty serious plot-line in the second season.
I do (laughs). But done in such a way that it's hysterical. I am diagnosed with prostate cancer by this rather beautiful urologist. My old urologist retired, and in walks this beautiful woman to give me my exam.

And we fall madly in love. But it's one of the funniest scenes I think I've ever been in my entire life.

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Tapes N' Tapes
Album: Outside
Label: Ibid

Don't worry if you forgot about Minneapolis buzz band Tapes 'n Tapes – you're not the only one. After the group released the critically acclaimed The Loon in 2005, they kind of fell of the radar thanks to an underwhelming follow-up. The group's retooled, leaving their label and heading home to record a lo-fi disc like their debut. The result is a mix of the raw, youthful exuberance they presented on The Loon and the more measured Pixies-meets-Pavement sound they employed on 2008's Walk it Off

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Wire
Album: Red Barked Tree
Label: Pink Flag

For 35 years, post-punk legends Wire have been mostly active and as a result, their 11th studio album doesn't suffer like old-timer reunions do. In fact, the current line-up, comprised of three founding members, sound remarkably youthful, almost as if they were still in their heyday. If anything, Red Barked Tree shows aging gracefully doesn't have to sound old.

CAM LINDSAY

British Sea Power
Album: Valhalla Dancehall
Label: Rough Trade

Brighton, England's British Sea Power have always walked a fine line that could see them both filling arenas like U2 or soundtracking an installation at a natural history museum. Their fourth album brings more of those sweeping anthems that made their first two albums indispensable, but also expands their scope with gentler pop songs like Living Is So Easy. Still, their kooky lyrical charm comes in spades

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▶ Tom Selleck, right, is a New York police commissioner in Blue Bloods.

Selleck: No NYPD blues

Now back fighting crime on TV, the actor talks about Magnum, movies, and how he wants grey hair

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Tom Selleck is back on series television with Blue Bloods as a New York police commissioner and the patriarch of a cop family. And while the surprisingly youthful-looking veteran has been keeping busy on television, he freely admits he's still most recognized for Magnum P.I. Metro spoke with Selleck during a break from filming Blue Bloods.

You don't seem to age. Any reason for that?

I don't know. I'm truly not very gray. And for the show, I spend 20 minutes in the chair every morning graying my hair and graying my mustache a little and I'm thinking, If the show goes eight years, that's nine months a year, 20 minutes a day. I just wish I would get a little grayer.

What about making Magnum into a movie?

Magnum won't work ... I mean, the show is in the Smithsonian as the show that first recognized Vietnam veterans in a positive light in the States. And you can't just buy a title, spend a hundred million dollars on explosions and trivialize it, which they do.

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It's a boy for Javier and Penelope

Baby and Oscar nod in same week for Bardem

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Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem

It's been quite a week for Javier Bardem. Not only was he nominated for an Oscar for his work in Biutiful, but his wife, Penelope Cruz, gave birth to their first child, according to Spanish newspaper El Pais. The baby, reportedly a boy, was born at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. METRO

Johansson over split from Ryan?

Scarlett Johansson and Saturday Night Live star Jason Sudeikis may be healing their broken hearts together, according to Life & Style. Johansson, who is divorcing Ryan Reynolds, and Sudeikis, who recently split from January Jones, were spotted at dinner in L.A. recently with fellow SNL cast-member Will Forte and a date. "It definitely looked like a double date," a source says. "Scarlett and Jason were flirting and making lots of eye contact. He reached across the table twice to grab her hand." METRO

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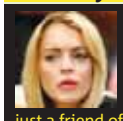
Scarlett Johansson

Wedding bells for Hudson, Bellamy

They're already expecting a baby this summer, and now Kate Hudson and Matt Bellamy have a wedding to plan as well, according to the Sun. The pair secretly got engaged recently, announcing it to friends and family at a private party in London this week. "It was an intimate party," a source says. "They kept their engagement secret as they wanted to celebrate with their nearest and dearest before it became public knowledge." METRO

Celebrity tweets



Lindsay Lohan [@lindsaylohan] Tom Hardy is just a friend of mine.... The tabloids are wrong.

Lily Allen [@lilyroseallen] Jamie Oliver 30 min meals are so not 30 minutes. Maybe if you don't prep or wash your vegetables properly....

Anthony Bourdain

[@NoReservations] I want to be able eat my burger medium rare. Anywhere. Would anyone think this an unreasonable expectation?

Stephen Fry [@stephenfry] I paid a lot of money to go on vacation on a private jet, but it has a PILOT. METRO

Holmes has them heading for home

Katie Holmes has a new movie, The Son of No One, at the Sundance Film Festival, but her performance is not getting the kind of response she'd like, with many audience members walking out before it finished, according to Us Weekly. "When Katie showed up on screen, there was a collective groan," a source says of the film, in which Holmes stars as the wife of a cop played by Channing Tatum. METRO

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Katie Holmes

Jay-Z: And don't forget the tequila

It's not unusual for touring artists to have lists of demands for what they need at a venue, and Jay-Z is no different, with a two-page wish-list that includes four golf carts, bottles of vodka and tequila, Italian red wine and nice china, cloth napkins and real silverware, according to In Touch.

The list also includes sugar-free Red Bull, hand sanitizer, fresh fruit and organic bread. METRO

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Let the baby bump fashion begin!

- Hollywood is abuzz with a major baby boom
- But what can real-life moms-to-be who don't retain a glam squad on payroll do?
- For one, resist falling into the maternity trap of shapeless dresses and 'mom' jeans

Pregnancy pick

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London-based Canadian designer Mark Fast teams with Danier for new collection

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A quick rundown of the celebrities who have had babies or announced that they are expecting one this month:

Victoria Beckham, Natalie Portman, Nicole Kidman, Owen Wilson, Kate Hudson, Miranda Kerr, Ivanka Trump, Hilary Duff, Alicia Silverstone, Selma Blair...

The list goes on and on.

Bring on the celebrity maternity style stories!

But what should us ordinary mortals wear?

There seems to be two schools of thought on maternity looks.

The old-school approach that suggests you hide your bump, covering up in tent-like dresses and shapeless tops.

Or the newer method that relies on "the tighter the better" philosophy: going sexy, embracing the shape of your belly in skin-tight Lycra and wrap-dresses.

Fortunately there's a middle ground between the two.

This year's spring/summer trends are filled with floaty maxi skirts and dresses that allow you to be in fashion as your belly grows.

High street brands have wised up to the sartorial dilemmas facing fashion-conscious expectant moms. So try Gap, Zara and ASOS for on-trend or timelessly chic basics.

Invest in decent maternity jeans, leggings and long vests and you'll be able to adapt your current wardrobe.

Be sure to include kaftans, maxi skirts and dresses, tunics and empire-line frocks that you'll want to wear again post-pregnancy.

The coolest thing is that you can try out looks you might not normally wear; you can get away with a tighter top if it reveals a baby, not a beer gut.

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▶ Maxi dresses, such as Natalie Portman's dress here, are on-trend and baby-bump flattering.

3 THREE WAYS TO ADAPT TO THE BABY BUMP

BLAZER
You don't need to close the blazer over your bump, so wear it with jeans or trousers for a smart work look.

VINTAGE ROCK TEE
Adopt an anti-mumsy look by wearing jeans with an outrageous rock band tour T-shirt.

GREAT JEANS
Decent maternity jeans are a must, as they're comfortable and can look smart, too. Team them with the aforementioned blazer for a casual, "executive" look.

Make room in your wardrobe

We rounded up Paris and Milan's best trends for autumn/winter 2011 that you can incorporate into your wardrobe right now

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1. MONOCHROME HEAD-TO-TOE

- Whether you channel the darkness and unnerving mood of Paul Helber's collection for Louis Vuitton or Bottega Veneta's relaxed but raw approach, the message is that it's time to go monochrome. Of course, when there's not much colour it's the details that count.

2. RELAXED TAILORING

- 2011 will be about mixing up fabrics like velvet and wool or sportswear quilted coats and tailoring. It's about doing something unexpected and playing with convention. Dolce & Gabbana relaxed the cut of their trousers, adopting drop-crotch and pleated styles among others.

3. THE SEVENTIES

- The women's collections must have still lingered in the designers' minds because the men got the same Seventies treatment. Dries Van Noten introduced David Bowiesque orange hair, fur and white contrast lapels, while Miuccia Prada went kitsch. Colours to look out for are burgundy, teal, caramel and brown.

4. POP OF COLOUR

- Flashes of colour played a part in many of the shows already mentioned but it broke the norm at Burberry, Jil Sander and Ann Demeulemeester. Some of the colours at Jil Sander almost had a fluoro twist.

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A very British Invasion

With a royal wedding ahead, U.S. design turning focus on London

Goodbye, Paris. Hello, London! While the French capital's been dear to home decorators for several years, we're seeing the look of London more and more in the newest furnishings and accessories.

Is it fleur-de-lis fatigue? Too many Eiffel Towers? Perhaps. As designer Mei Xu notes, "London blends charm and cheekiness, traditions and trends."

And it doesn't hurt to have a royal wedding just around the corner.

Xu's Bliss Living Home has introduced an extensive collection inspired all by things British.

"To me, London's simply irresistible," she says. "It's such a vibrant city, where the past and present merge."

She remembers a visit by Margaret Thatcher to her childhood school in China. The Prime Minister gave the students a large book about the wedding of Charles and Diana. For Xu, it revealed an exciting and glamorous world, and it inspired her creative career.

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▶ London street wall decal

Her collection's colour palette uses white and charcoal, hues associated with London's often damp weather, and a soft mint green that seems to blend the sea and the forest.

There are candles shaped like Big Ben; pillows showing double-decker buses and classic phone booths; printed bedding with the London Bridge; and blankets, rugs and shower curtains with an oversize hounds-tooth pattern and riding-set vibe. Metallic inks etch crowns on pillows, table linens and tea sets.

Stickerbrand has a two-metre wall decal of Big Ben, London's famous clock, and American Chateau has a large decal of a city intersection in the heart of London.

The bright red London phone booth, one of the city's historic trademarks, was retired many years ago. Replicas are available in the $1,000 range. But for a few dollars, you can create the illusion of one with a door-size poster from Poster Revolution.

Doctor Who fans might like Artfire's wall decal of the Tardis police phone booth.

Metrosofa has a white, throne-style chair featuring the flag upholstered on the back; it's much smarter looking that it sounds, honestly.

And finally, Naked Decor uses vibrant colours like navy, sky blue, scarlet and inky black to transform several icons — the Union Jack, Tower of London, even the Queen's silhouette and the keys to Buckingham Palace — into clocks, pillows and other accessories. The collection is called British Invasion.

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▶ British Flag White Throne Chair

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▶ British inspired novelty candles.

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▶ Victoria table linens and British inspired tea set

CLOSETED LUXURIES

DECOR MOMENT

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You may not have a closet like in a movie star's mansion, but there are some easy yet luxurious touches you can add to make your morning dressing routine a little more enjoyable.

CLEAR PLASTIC SWEATER BOXES
They keep dust off fine sweaters and folded shirts, make for easy to see contents and are great for upper shelves in the closet. They also make fantastic bins for lingerie.

CLOSET STEAMER VALET
Rid your clothes of wrinkles right at the closet, no need to touch up your clothes in the laundry room. Also great for freshening up a garment.

VARIETY OF HANGERS
From wood, plastic and velvet, choosing the right hanger will allow your clothes to hang properly.

Remember: the slinkier the fabric the more grip your hanger needs (think rubber or velvet). Larger-sized men's suit jackets needs a larger-ended hanger to keep the shoulders supported while hanging.

SHOE BOXES
Keep your good shoes tidy and protected by storing them in individual shoe boxes. Stack directly above the outfit that they match and you are all set to get dressed in a hurry.

SUIT VALET
Considered something your grandfather might have used, a wooden suit valet is invaluable to keeping him organized and his clothing tidy.

Twitter

For great decorating tips follow Karl on Twitter at karllohnesCTV

Here are some more ideas to upgrade your existing closet's decor.

CLOSET DOORS
Changing swing or slider-style doors is not a difficult project and can help to update the look of your closet.

If you have sliding doors then consider upgrading to a mirrored door, frosted glass or stylish wood veneers.

If you have traditional swing doors consider switching them to glass or mirrored panels, or a new, stylish louvered door.

Painting your existing closet door (inside and out) a fashionable colour like red, orange or dark grey adds personality to your closet.

PAINT OR WALLPAPER THE INTERIOR
Once you have everything out of the closet, give it a fresh coat of paint or a layer of wallpaper to help update the look.

Choose a fun colour (like Tiffany blue or bright orange).

It will offer a real surprise of colour each time you open the closet door.

It's also a great idea to add an interior light and perhaps a small closet safe (like in hotel rooms) to keep valuables all in one place.

MATCH NEW SHELVING COLOUR TO YOUR DECOR
If installing new laminate or wood shelving, match its colour to the furnishings within the room.

Most shelving comes in a variety of light-to-dark tones that can easily be matched to your dresser, bed or night tables.

This idea will unite and co-ordinate the entire bedroom/dressing area.

▶ Carrie Bradshaw's dream closet from Sex And The City.

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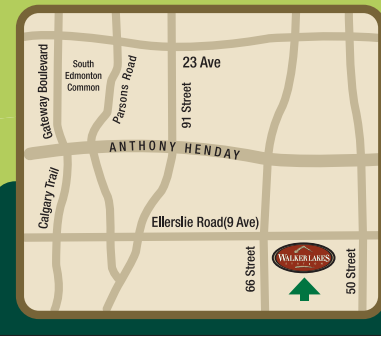

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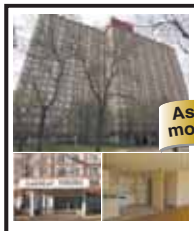

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A national treasure

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Alfred Sung, a top designer (and national treasure), will unveil his limited edition outdoor collection, Blackwatch, at this weekend's Interior Design Show in Toronto.

What can fans look forward to in this special collection?

The collection is very much the same concept as my clothing: It's very sophisticated, it's sleek, it's simple, it's modern. We basically try to use ideas from the fabrics and textiles, so that's how we came up with the Blackwatch concept.

You're best known for your clothing lines, so what satisfies you from an artistic standpoint when you produce an outdoor collection?

I have always been very interested in interior design.

It's always been my dream to come out with a furniture collection, home design, home accessories. This is very exciting for me.

▶ Alfred Sung

Is there an area of design you haven't tackled yet that you'd be interested in taking on?

We're doing menswear. It's going to be for Fall 2011, so we've already put the first season's design to bed.

But other than that, I think the only thing that's missing would be women's lingerie (laughs) and children's wear.

Patio collection

- Alfred Sung will be offering his limited edition patio collection this weekend only through sungoutdoor.com.

That would be fun because I love kids.

You've made a mark internationally, and could easily have moved to New York or Milan ages ago. What has kept you in Canada?

I feel comfortable in Toronto.

I love Canada as a country and I'm proud to be Canadian.

I'm thankful for what the country has offered me and actually, every time I go away, whether it's on holiday for two, three weeks, I get homesick.

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Preparation:

1. Heat oil in a deep frying pan. Add chicken and brown on all sides for 8 to 10 minutes, over medium heat. Remove the chicken and set aside.
2. Melt butter in pan. Add carrots and leek whites. Stir, cover and cook 10 minutes over low heat. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Cover vegetables with chicken. Scatter over 2/3 of the parsley and leek greens. Pour over stock to cover. Bring it to a boil then reduce heat, cover and simmer 1 hour or until the chicken is tender.
4. Discard parsley. Transfer vegetables and chicken to serving dish with slotted spoon.
5. Boil stock until reduced by third. Reduce heat.
6. Mix egg yolks with crème fraîche or sour cream. Blend mixture into stock and simmer, stirring, 2 minutes, until thickened. Do not let boil. Roughly chop remaining parsley. Pour sauce over chicken and sprinkle with parsley.

READER'S DIGEST

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp canola oil
- 1 chicken, jointed into 6 pieces
- 2 tbsp butter
- 400 g carrots, peeled and cut into chunky batons
- 1 kg leeks, whites sliced and greens shredded
- 25 g fresh parsley
- 2 ¼ cups chicken stock
- 2 egg yolks
- 2 tbsp crème fraîche or sour cream
- Salt and pepper

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Stars shine again at Oilers' expense

Edmonton falls to 0-7-1 in their last eight visits to Lone Star state

STARS	OILERS
3	1

Brenden Morrow scored twice while Kari Lehtonen stopped 34 shots as the Dallas Stars beat the Edmonton Oilers 3-1 yesterday in the final game before the all-star break for both teams.

Adam Burish added a goal and Jamie Langenbrunner assisted on both of Morrow's goals as the Pacific Division-leading Stars got back on track after dropping consecutive road games to Calgary and Vancouver by a combined score of 14-5. Lehtonen allowed all the goals in a 7-1 loss to the Canucks on Monday night.

Dustin Penner had a power-play goal for Edmonton, 4-14-3 in its last 21 games.

Nikolai Khabibulin made 18 saves for the Oilers in the second leg of a back-to-back. Edmonton won in Phoenix on Tuesday night 4-3 on Penner's goal with 22 seconds left.

Edmonton outshot Dallas 11-5 in the first but the Stars got the only goal of the period when Burish scored at 10:38 on a wrist shot from the right circle.

Dallas moved to a 2-0 lead on its first power play of the night when Morrow notched his 20th of the season on a rebound at 2:32 of the second.

Morrow converted Langenbrunner's centring pass at 8:23 of the second to make it 3-0.

Penner got the Oilers on the board at 17:44 of the second with a power-play goal, his 17th of the season.

Dallas won at Edmonton 4-2 last Thursday, and ill feelings carried over with four fights in yesterday night's physical rematch.

Krys Barch of the Stars landed most of the punches in a second-period scrap with Zack Stortini, who spent most of the fight shielding his head with both arms. Barch ridiculed Stortini as he skated to the penalty box, mimicking Stortini's coverup tactics. Barch received a 10-minute misconduct, and so did Dallas's James Neal as part of a fight with Theo Peckham later in the period.

Stars centres Jamie Benn and Tom Wandell missed the game with upper-body injuries sustained Monday night in Vancouver.

Centres Aaron Gagnon and Travis Morin were called up from the AHL Texas Stars.

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▶ Dallas Star Adam Burish celebrates his goal against the Oilers with teammate Brenden Morrow ready to join him last night.

Nadal's shot at history cut off by countryman

Rafael Nadal's bid to win four straight Grand Slam tournaments is over.

An injury-affected Nadal lost for the second straight year in the Australian Open quarter-finals, going down 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 yesterday to fellow Spaniard David Ferrer.

Nadal, who appeared to have tears in his eyes during a changeover while trailing 3-0 in the third set, took a medical timeout for an apparent leg injury after three games and was clearly out of sorts, failing to chase down balls that he would ordinarily return easily. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"This is a difficult day for me. Today I can't do more than what I did, (Ferrer) played at a very high level."
RAFAEL NADAL

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▶ Rafael Nadal

Sports in brief

Ban proposed for Contador

CYCLING. Alberto Contador says Spanish cycling officials are proposing a one-year ban for the Tour de France champion who failed a doping test.

In a statement released by his spokesman yesterday, Contador says the Spanish cycling federation's disciplinary committee informed him of the decision.

If banned, Contador would lose his third Tour title because of the positive clenbuterol result he blames on contaminated meat. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cahoon leaves on a high note

CFL. Fresh from a second straight Grey Cup win, veteran Montreal Alouettes slotback Ben Cahoon is calling it quits.

The 38-year-old announced his retirement from the CFL team yesterday.

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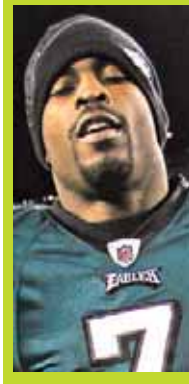

"This one feels great due to the fact that I've been through so much and trained to getting back to this position."
MICHAEL VICK ON MAKING HIS FOURTH PRO BOWL APPEARANCE – AND FIRST SINCE SERVING 18 MONTHS FOR HIS ROLE IN A DOGFIGHTING OPERATION

"It came in a different fashion. I displayed different talents this year and showed really what I could do in the passing game along with doing everything else."
VICK

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	50	33	12	2	3	174	130	71	16-7-0-2	17-5-2-1	8-2-0-0	W2
d-Tampa Bay	51	31	15	3	2	154	154	67	16-4-1-1	15-11-2-1	7-3-0-0	W5
d-Boston	50	28	15	2	5	152	112	63	13-9-1-2	15-6-1-3	7-3-0-0	W1
Pittsburgh	50	31	15	2	2	154	114	66	17-9-1-0	14-6-1-2	6-3-0-1	W2
Washington	51	27	15	5	4	140	129	63	16-5-2-4	11-10-3-0	4-3-2-1	L2
NY Rangers	52	29	20	2	1	148	126	61	12-11-1-1	17-9-1-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Montreal	50	27	18	4	1	130	123	59	16-6-3-1	11-12-1-0	6-2-1-1	L2
Atlanta	52	24	19	3	6	152	166	57	12-9-1-4	12-10-2-2	3-4-1-2	W1
Carolina	50	25	19	2	4	153	155	56	13-8-1-1	12-11-1-3	6-4-0-0	W2
Buffalo	49	23	21	5	0	137	144	51	11-12-1-0	12-9-4-0	7-3-0-0	W2
Florida	49	22	22	2	3	131	131	49	11-8-2-3	11-14-0-0	4-3-1-2	L1
Toronto	49	19	25	2	3	124	153	43	10-11-2-2	9-14-0-1	4-5-0-1	L3
Ottawa	50	17	25	5	3	108	160	42	9-14-2-2	8-11-3-1	1-6-1-2	L6
NY Islanders	49	15	27	3	4	119	162	37	8-12-1-3	7-15-2-1	2-7-0-1	L3
New Jersey	49	16	30	2	1	101	144	35	9-13-1-1	7-17-0-1	6-3-1-0	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	49	30	10	4	5	163	120	69	16-3-1-4	14-7-3-1	4-2-1-3	W1
d-Detroit	49	30	13	4	2	166	143	66	15-6-3-1	15-7-1-1	6-3-0-1	W1
d-Dallas	50	30	15	1	4	147	137	65	16-6-1-3	14-9-0-1	7-2-0-1	W1
Nashville	49	27	16	4	2	133	117	60	11-4-3-2	16-12-1-0	7-3-0-0	L1
Anaheim	52	28	20	2	2	140	146	60	17-7-0-1	11-13-2-1	7-3-0-0	W2
Phoenix	51	25	17	6	3	149	145	59	10-9-3-2	15-8-3-1	6-4-0-0	W1
Chicago	50	26	20	2	2	157	139	56	16-13-0-0	10-7-2-2	6-3-0-1	L2
Colorado	50	25	19	6	0	161	165	56	14-11-3-0	11-8-3-0	4-5-1-0	L1
San Jose	49	25	19	4	1	137	135	55	12-10-2-1	13-9-2-0	4-6-0-0	W4
Minnesota	49	25	19	1	4	130	134	55	11-11-0-2	14-8-1-2	6-4-0-0	W1
Los Angeles	49	26	22	1	0	140	122	53	16-9-1-0	10-13-0-0	4-6-0-0	W2
Calgary	50	23	21	2	4	140	151	52	13-9-0-1	10-12-2-2	5-2-1-2	W3
St. Louis	48	22	19	3	4	129	142	51	15-8-1-2	7-11-2-2	2-6-1-1	L3
Columbus	49	23	21	3	2	130	152	51	12-11-0-1	11-10-3-1	3-5-1-1	L1
Edmonton	49	15	26	1	7	122	168	38	7-13-1-3	8-13-1-3	2-7-0-1	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Dallas 3 Edmonton 1
Atlanta 1 Washington 0
Boston 2 Florida 1
Carolina 4 N.Y. Islanders 2
Detroit 3 New Jersey 1
Phoenix 5 Colorado 2
St. Louis at Calgary
Nashville at Vancouver
San Jose at Los Angeles
Tuesday's results
Buffalo 3 Ottawa 2 (OT)
Edmonton 4 Phoenix 3
Philadelphia 5 Montreal 2
Tampa Bay 2 Toronto 0
Pittsburgh 1 N.Y. Islanders 0
Florida 4 N.Y. Rangers 3
Anaheim 3 Columbus 2
Minnesota 4 Chicago 2
Tonight's games
No Games Scheduled.
ALL-STAR WEEKEND
At Raleigh, N.C.
Tomorrow's game
All times Eastern
All-star player draft, 8 p.m.

STARS 3, OILERS 1

First Period
1. Dallas, Burish 7 (Ribeiro, Daley) 10:38
Penalties — Langenbrunner Dal (interference) 2:16, Vandermeer Edm, Barch Dal (fighting) 13:29, Fraser Edm, Niskanen Dal (fighting) 13:43.
Second Period
2. Dallas, Morrow 20 (Langenbrunner, Robidas) 2:32 (pp)
3. Dallas, Morrow 21 (Langenbrunner, Ribeiro) 8:22
4. Edmonton, Penner 16 (Horcoff, Hall) 17:44 (pp)
Penalties — Penner Edm (hooking) 1:18, Petry Edm (holding), Fistric Dal (unsportsmanlike conduct) 9:07, Stortini Edm (fighting), Barch Dal (roughing, fighting, misconduct) 12:59, Gagner Edm, Sutherby Dal (cross-checking) 14:42, Peckham Edm (interference, fighting), Neal Dal (unsportsmanlike conduct, instigator, fighting) 16:37, Khabibulin Edm (slashing; served by Hall) 19:02.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Smid Edm (elbowing), Jacques Edm (roughing), Gagner Edm (misconduct) 9:19, Khabibulin Edm (roughing; served by Cogliano), Morrow Dal (slashing) 9:57.
Shots

Edmonton	11	11	13—35
Dallas	5	6	10—21

Goal — Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,8-22-2); Dallas: Lehtonen (W,22-11-5). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 1-3; Dallas: 1-4.
Referees — Mike Leggo, Kyle Rehman. **Linesmen** — Ryan Galloway, Jay Sharrers.
Att. — 13,875 (18,532) at Dallas.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	38	29	67
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
D.Sedin, Vcr	27	36	63
H.Sedin, Vcr	11	50	61
St. Louis, TB	20	40	60
B.Richards, Dal	20	37	57
Zetterberg, Det	16	36	52
Perry, Ana	25	26	51
Ovechkin, Wash	19	32	51
E.Staal, Car	23	26	49
Eriksson, Dal	17	32	49
Kopitar, LA	16	33	49
Kesler, Vcr	27	20	47
Giroux, Pha	19	28	47
M.Richards, Pha	17	30	47
Sharp, Chi	26	20	46
Iginla, Cal	21	25	46
Backstrom, Wash	12	34	46
Briere, Pha	26	19	45
Selanne, Ana	15	30	45
J.Carter, Pha	23	21	44
Duchene, Col	19	25	44
Havlat, Minn	14	30	44
J.Thornton, SJ	13	31	44
Ribeiro, Dal	10	34	44
Nash, Clb	23	20	43
Heatley, SJ	18	25	43
M.Koivu, Minn	14	29	43
Visnovsky, Ana	8	35	43
P.Stastny, Col	17	25	42
Hejduk, Col	15	27	42
Lidstrom, Det	11	31	42
Yandle, Phx	7	35	42
Vanek, Buf	18	23	41
Byfuglien, Atl	16	25	41
Enstrom, Atl	8	33	41
Letang, Pgh	7	34	41
Skinner, Car	18	22	40
Toews, Chi	17	23	40
Plekanec, Mtl	16	24	40
MacArthur, Tor	15	25	40
T.Ruutu, Car	12	28	40
Ryan, Ana	22	17	39
Bergeron, Bos	16	23	39
Ladd, Atl	16	23	39
Datsyuk, Det	12	27	39
J.Williams, LA	18	20	38
Dubinsky, NYR	17	21	38
Grabovski, Tor	20	17	37
Neal, Dal	20	17	37
D.Brown, LA	17	20	37
Backes, StL	16	21	37
Malkin, Pgh	15	22	37
Getzlaf, Ana	13	24	37
P.Kane, Chi	13	24	37
Clowe, SJ	12	25	37
J.Jokinen, Car	12	25	37
Tanguay, Cal	12	25	37
Marleau, SJ	18	18	36
Tavares, NYI	18	18	36
Steen, StL	15	21	36
Elias, NJ	13	23	36
Leino, Pha	11	25	36
Ra.Whitney, Phx	10	26	36
Franzen, Det	20	15	35
Semin, Wash	18	17	35
Roy, Buf	10	25	35
Liles, Col	6	29	35
Kessel, Tor	19	15	34
Hartnell, Pha	17	17	34
Brassard, Clb	12	22	34
Umberger, Clb	17	16	33
Kulemin, Tor	16	17	33
Kunitz, Pgh	16	17	33
Benn, Dal	13	20	33
Weiss, Fla	13	20	33
Doan, Phx	11	22	33
Malone, TB	11	22	33
Wisniewski, NYI-Mtl	5	28	33
J.Johnson, LA	4	29	33
Couture, SJ	22	10	32
Lucic, Bos	19	13	32
Morrow, Dal	19	13	32
Smyth, LA	18	14	32
Recchi, Bos	10	22	32
Voracek, Clb	9	23	32
Edler, Vcr	8	24	32
Krecji, Bos	7	25	32
D.Boyle, SJ	5	27	32
Rafalski, Det	4	28	32
Gaborik, NYR	16	15	31
Penner, Edm	15	16	31
Burns, Minn	14	17	31
Stoll, LA	14	17	31
Cammalleri, Mtl	13	18	31
Fleischmann, Col	12	19	31
Versteeg, Tor	12	19	31
Cullen, Minn	10	21	31
Kopecky, Chi	10	21	31
Pavelski, SJ	9	22	31
Hall, Edm	16	14	30
Stepan, NYR	14	16	30
Comeau, NYI	13	17	30
Parenteau, NYI	12	18	30
Boyes, StL	10	20	30
Purcell, TB	8	22	30
Kaberle, Tor	2	28	30

Not including last night's games

NFL

PRO BOWL
Sunday's game
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m.

SUPER BOWL XLV
Sunday, Feb. 6
At Arlington, Texas
Pittsburgh (AFC) vs. Green Bay (NFC), 6:30 p.m.

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN
At Melbourne, Australia
Wednesday's results
MEN
Singles — Quarter-finals
David Ferrer (7), Spain, def. Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.
Andy Murray (5), Britain, def. Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, 7-5, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-3.
Doubles — Quarter-finals
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto,** def. Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (5), Poland, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes (3), India, def. Michael Llodra, France, and Nenad Zimonjic (8), Serbia, 6-4, 6-4.
WOMEN
Singles — Quarter-finals
Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia, def. Petra Kvitova (25), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.
Kim Clijsters (3), Belgium, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (12), Poland, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Doubles — Semifinals
Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, and Maria Kirilenko (12), Russia, def. Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (2), Slovenia, 6-2, 6-4.
Gisela Dulko, Argentina and Flavia Pennetta (1), Italy, def. Liezel Huber, U.S., AND Nadia Petrova (4), Russia, 6-4, 7-5.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE
Yesterday's result
Liverpool 1 Fulham 0

CARLING CUP
SEMIFINAL
Second Leg
Yesterday's result
Birmingham 3 West Ham 1 (extra time)
(Birmingham advances on 4-3 aggregate)

GERMANY

GERMAN CUP
QUARTER-FINALS
Yesterday's result
Aachen 0 Bayern Munich 4
Cottbus 1 Hoffenheim 0
Duisburg 2 Kaiserslautern 0

ITALY

ITALIAN CUP
QUARTER-FINALS
Yesterday's results
Napoli 0 Inter Milan 0 (extra time)
(Inter Milan wins 5-4 on penalties)
Sampdoria 1 AC Milan 2

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE
Yesterday's results
Celtic 4 Hearts 0
Hibernian 0 Rangers 2
Inverness 0 Aberdeen 2
St. Johnstone 1 Motherwell 0
St. Mirren 1 Dundee United 1

SPAIN

COPA DEL REY
SEMIFINALS
First Leg
Yesterday's results
Barcelona 5 Almeria 0
Sevilla 0 Real Madrid 1

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
MINNESOTA TWINS—Claimed LHP Dusty Hughes off waivers from Kansas City. Designated RHP Rob Delaney for assignment
N.Y. YANKEES—Agreed to terms with RHP Bartolo Colon on a minor league contract.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Announced the retirement of OF Rocco Baldelli, who accepted a position as a special assistant with the team.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with C Miguel Montero on a one-year contract.
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Johnny Cueto on a four-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with RHP Marc Kroon on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL

NBA
ORLANDO MAGIC—Waived G Jason Williams.
TORONTO RAPTORS—Signed G Trey Johnson to a 10-day contract. Released G Sundiata Gaines.

FOOTBALL

NFL
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Ike Hilliard assistant wide receivers coach, Tony Sparano Jr. offensive quality control coach and Dave Fipp assistant special teams coach. Promoted receivers coach Karl Dorrell to quarterbacks coach, offensive quality control coach Steve Bush to receivers coach and assistant special teams coach Darren Rizzi to special teams coordinator.
N.Y. JETS—Signed DB Will Billingsley, RB Carlos Brown, LB Cody Brown, P T.J. Conley, G Marlon Davis, C Robby Felix, RB Chris Jennings, DL Matt Kroul, G Dennis Landolt, CB Ellis Lankster, LB Joey LaRocque, WR Logan Payne, DT Carlton Powell, LB Brashton Satele, DB Richard Taylor, LB Brian Toal, DE Lorenzo Washington and QB Drew Willy to reserve/futures contracts.

HOCKEY

NHL
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned D Nick Leddy to Rockford (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned LW Matt Calvert to Springfield (AHL).
MINNESOTA WILD—Reassigned F Cody Almond to Houston (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Assigned C Ryan White to Hamilton (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS—Re-assigned G Mike Brodeur and F Bobby Butler to Binghamton (AHL).

LACROSSE

NLL
MINNESOTA SWARM—Traded T Ryan Sharp to Toronto for a 2013 first-round draft pick. Signed D Brock Boyle.

SOCCER

MLS
CHICAGO FIRE—Re-signed D Dasan Robinson.
PORTLAND TIMBERS—Signed G Adin Brown and D Steve Purdy.

CURLING

BDO CLASSIC CANADIAN OPEN
At Oshawa, Ont.
Last night's results
Round Robin — First Draw
John Epping 7 Kevin Martin 6 (extra end)
Glenn Howard 8 Mark Bice 2
Kevin Koe 6 Dale Matchett 3
Pat Simmons 6 Randy Ferbey 5
Thomas Ulsrud 6 Rob Fowler 4 (extra end)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	34	10	.773	—
d-Miami	31	13	.705	3
d-Chicago	31	14	.689	3½
Orlando	30	16	.652	5
Atlanta	29	17	.630	6
New York	23	21	.523	11
Philadelphia	20	25	.444	14½
Charlotte	19	25	.432	15
Milwaukee	17	26	.395	16½
Indiana	16	26	.381	17
Detroit	17	29	.370	18
New Jersey	14	32	.304	21
Washington	13	31	.295	21
Toronto	13	33	.283	22
Cleveland	8	37	.178	26½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	39	7	.848	—
d-L.A. Lakers	33	13	.717	6
Dallas	29	15	.659	9
New Orleans	30	16	.652	9
d-Oklahoma City	29	16	.644	9½
Denver	27	18	.600	11½
Utah	27	19	.587	12
Portland	25	21	.543	14
Memphis	22	24	.478	17
Houston	22	25	.468	17½
Phoenix	20	24	.455	18
Golden State	19	25	.432	19
L.A. Clippers	17	28	.378	21½
Sacramento	10	33	.233	27½
Minnesota	10	35	.222	28½

d — division leader
Last night's results
Orlando 111 Indiana 96
New Jersey 93 Memphis 88
Philadelphia 107 Toronto 94
Denver 109 Detroit 100
Milwaukee 98 Atlanta 90
Oklahoma City 118 Minnesota 117 (OT)
Houston 96 L.A. Clippers 83
Charlotte 114 Phoenix 107
San Antonio 112 Utah 105
New Orleans at Golden State
Tuesday's results
Denver 120 Washington 109
Boston 112 Cleveland 95
Dallas 112 L.A. Clippers 105
Charlotte 94 Sacramento 89
L.A. Lakers 120 Utah 91
Tonight's games
Miami at New York, 8 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

SIXERS 107, RAPTORS 94

PHILADELPHIA (107)
Iguodala 7-11 0-0 15, Brand 6-10 2-2 14, Hawes 1-7 1-2 3, Holiday 6-16 3-4 15, Meeks 0-5 2-2 2, Williams 6-10 0-0 15, Turner 3-8 4-4 10, Young 5-10 0-0 10, Speights 10-12 3-3 23. Totals 44-89 15-17 107.
TORONTO (94)
Wright 4-11 0-0 8, A.Johnson 7-10 1-2 15, Bargnani 6-10 4-4 17, Calderon 3-8 2-4 8, DeRozan 9-18 11-12 29, Davis 2-3 0-0 4, Bayless 1-3 0-0 2, Weems 3-7 0-0 6, T.Johnson 1-4 0-0 3, Ajinca 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 37-76 18-22 94.

Philadelphia	20	30	34	23	—107
Toronto	29	21	27	17	—94

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 4-15 (Williams 3-5, Iguodala 1-2, Turner 0-1, Speights 0-1, Holiday 0-3, Meeks 0-3), Toronto 2-8 (T.Johnson 1-2, Bargnani 1-2, Calderon 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 53 (Speights 9), Toronto 37 (A.Johnson 6). Assists—Philadelphia 28 (Holiday 11), Toronto 19 (Calderon 13). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 17, Toronto 15. A—14,552 (19,800) at Toronto.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	40	372	311	1124	28.1
Stoudemire, NYK	44	430	279	1147	26.1
James, MIA	42	372	285	1087	25.9
Ellis, GOL	44	427	206	1133	25.8
Wade, MIA	41	357	279	1030	25.1
Bryant, LAL	46	403	280	1144	24.9
Rose, CHI	44	395	222	1082	24.6
Gordon, LAC	41	333	242	988	24.1
Anthony, DEN	37	311	233	880	23.8

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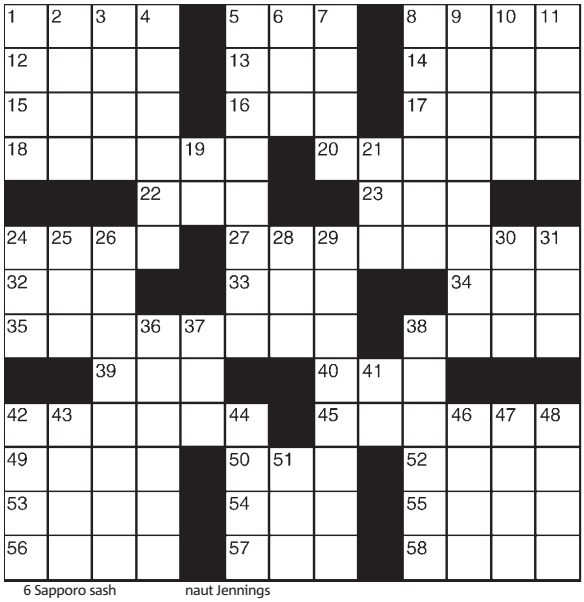

Across
1 Parliamentarian
5 Wynken and Blynken's pal
8 Talon
12 Lotion additive
13 Rushmore face
14 Portrayal
15 Catchall abbr.
16 Compete
17 Terrible guy?
18 Zaftig, perhaps
20 Take umbrage at
22 Slight touch
23 Cage component
24 Eye with desire
27 Like some suitors
32 Court
33 One (Pref.)
34 Regret
35 Trysters' locale
38 Mideast gulf
39 Ostrich's cousin
40 iPad download
42 Missing
45 Lass
49 Lecher's look
50 Blackbird
52 Continental coin
53 Boast
54 Family
55 Family
56 Initial stake
57 Recede
58 Otherwise

Down
1 Mary's follower
2 Hodgepodge
3 Colonial seamstress
4 Solve a cryptogram
5 Almost black
6 Sapporo sash
7 Antelope's playmate
8 Emotional period
9 Variety of small parrot
10 Chester — Arthur
11 Departed
19 41-Down's partner
21 Prior to
24 Symbol of wisdom
25 Stickum
26 Chair for a pair
28 Switch positions
29 Niacin or riboflavin
30 Poolroom prop
31 "Jeopardy!" juggernaut Jennings
36 Come out
37 Sister
38 Each
41 19-Down's partner
42 Actress Jessica
43 Swiss city
44 Snatch
46 Boring
47 Geological periods
48 Zilch
51 Pen point

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	M	I	S		G	A	S		G	A	P	S
L	O	O	T		O	W	E		O	T	I	C
A	T	T	E	N	D	E	E		O	T	T	O
S	H	A	V	E			M	O	D	E	S	T
			E	D	I	T		A	S	S		
S	C	A	N		D	I	M	S		T	H	E
P	A	T		D	E	B	I	T		E	O	N
A	R	T		U	S	E	R		O	D	D	S
		A	S	K		R	O	O	M			
C	A	C	H	E	D			H	E	A	R	D
A	S	H	Y		A	T	T	O	R	N	E	Y
P	E	E	L		U	R	I		T	O	N	E
E	A	S	Y		B	Y	E		A	N	T	S

Sudoku

	2	3				4		
			9	7				1
1					2			3
		4	2		1		3	
	5			8			2	
	8		3		5	6		
4			8					5
5				1	6			
		7				8	1	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	1	2	8	3	4	7	6	9
3	6	8	7	2	9	4	1	5
9	4	7	5	6	1	3	2	8
4	9	5	1	8	6	2	7	3
6	8	1	2	7	3	9	5	4
7	2	3	4	9	5	1	8	6
8	3	6	9	1	2	5	4	7
1	5	9	6	4	7	8	3	2
2	7	4	3	5	8	6	9	1

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YOURS ASH

A look at the weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Min 2° Max 6°	Min -4° Max -3°	Min -17° Max -10°

Michele McDougall
Weather Specialist
BT BREAKFAST TELEVISION

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Travel and social plans may be at the top of your agenda, but don't expect family and friends to do what you want to do. If you are looking for love, you will most likely find it on a trip to some exotic place.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
What happens today will bring an opportunity to make some much-needed cash, but it won't be the answer to all of your financial problems. You have to make some serious savings, that means cutbacks.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The planets are urging you to do something out of the ordinary. You hate it when everything is so quiet that you can hear yourself breathing.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may be tempted to push yourself harder than ever. But Venus, planet of harmony and balance, in the wellbeing area of your chart, says it might be wise to take things easy.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You may be passionate, but sometimes you can get carried away and do things that are not good for you, personally or professionally. Don't let your passions get the better of you today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You are more affectionate than some people give you credit for. At some stage, today, you will release those feelings that you have kept hidden. It won't be embarrassing. In fact, it will be rather nice.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Don't worry about details. Focus on the bigger picture and trust that fate will guide you in the right direction. Your questions will be answered when you are ready to understand.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You don't have to see every interaction in terms of winning or losing. Let life come to you today and you will soon realize that you have everything to gain from being less aggressive.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Venus in your sign is making you somewhat mellow, and that's no a bad thing. It means you are less likely to overreact if something out of the ordinary happens. Take life as it comes.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Not everything will run smoothly, but it won't go so wrong that you'll have to take remedial action. There will always be bumps in the road on which you are traveling. It makes a journey interesting.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Don't come on too strongly and frighten away someone to whom you want to get close. Sometimes, you seem a bit fierce to those not as committed to your favorite causes.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You may have a number of duties to perform, but you are advised to put them out of your mind and focus only on things that make you glad to be alive.
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